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FOUR YEARS AGO.

the FLYING GRAYSONS

"WE WERE A FAMILY... IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD.

THERE WAS MOM AND DAD, MY UNCLE, AUNT, MY COUSIN JOHN GRAYSON AND NINE-YEAR-OLD ME... RICHARD... DICK GRAYSON

"WE WERE THE ONES THE AUDIENCE WERE COMING TO SEE. THEY WOULD BE THRILLED WITH THE SOARING SPECTACLE OF THE HIGH-FLYING TRAPEZE ACT OF THE THE FLYING GRAYSONS!

"THE REASON THE AUDIENCE CAME TO SEE US WAS BECAUSE WE DID THE DANGEROUS STUFF.

"WE WORKED AT JACK HALY'S CIRCUS."

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HALY'S CIRCUS

"I NEVER KNEW EITHER OF MY GRANDFATHERS. THEY DIED A LONG TIME BEFORE I WAS BORN. BUT JACK HALY WAS THE OWNER OF THE CIRCUS, AND IF THERE EVER WERE A GRANDFATHER FIGURE IN MY LIFE IT WOULD HAVE TO BE HIM.

"HE LOVED MY FAMILY AS MUCH AS HE LOVED HIS OWN.

"HE WASN'T ONLY THE OWNER THOUGH; HE WAS ALSO THE MASTER SHOWMAN...

"THE RINGMASTER!

"IT WAS ONE OF THE HAPPIEST TIMES OF MY LIFE!

"UNTIL THE WORST NIGHT OF MY LIFE HAPPENED.

"A CRIME BOSS BY THE NAME OF ZUCCO WAS TRYING TO EXTORT MONEY FROM HALY'S CIRCUS.

"THE PROBLEM WAS THAT MR. HALY RAN AN HONEST BUSINESS AND REFUSED TO PAY HIM ANY PROTECTION MONEY."

"AS WITH ALL GREAT ACTS, WE HAD OUR SIGNATURE MOVE. IT WAS THE FINALE OF OUR PERFORMANCE, THE ONE THAT HAD MADE US FAMOUS AND THE REASON WHY EVERYONE CAME TO SEE US.

"I WAS THE YOUNGEST OF THE TROUPE, SO FATHER SAID I WASN'T ALLOWED TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE MOST DANGEROUS STUNT THE FLYING GRAYSONS PERFORMED. EVEN THOUGH I WOULD ASK EVERY NIGHT... AND BE TURNED DOWN... EVERY NIGHT.

"BUT I HAD THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE. EVERY TIME THEY PERFORMED THAT MOVE I WOULD BE ON THE PLATFORM OF THE CENTER POLE.

"I HAD WATCHED THEM PERFORM THIS ROUTINE HUNDREDS TIMES. I WAS JEALOUS OF MY OLDER COUSIN, SECRETLY WANTING TO BE IN HIS PLACE.

"HE WOULD ALWAYS MESS UP MY HAIR AND SAY 'DON'T WORRY SQUIRT, YOU'LL GET A CHANCE SOONER THAN YOU THINK.'

I WOULD LOOK DOWN AND WATCH AS THE WORKERS MOVED THE NET AND THE REST OF MY FAMILY WOULD POSITION THEMSELVES.

"NO NET!

"THIS IS WHAT THE AUDIENCE CAME TO SEE NIGHT AFTER NIGHT!

"HE ALWAYS KNEW THE RIGHT THING TO SAY.

"THEN IT HAPPENED...

"YOU COULD FEEL THE AIR BEING SUCKED OUT OF THE TENT...

"... FOLLOWED BY COMPLETE SILENCE."

"THEN A SCREAM.

"IT'S FUNNY, BUT I DIDN'T HEAR MUCH OF ANYTHING AFTER THAT.

"EVERYTHING WENT TUNNEL VISION...

"A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED AFTER THAT.

"MOST OF THEM WERE A BLUR, EVEN IF I CONCENTRATE, I DON'T THINK I WOULD BE ABLE TO SAY EXACTLY WHAT ORDER THINGS HAPPENED IN.

"THE NEXT CRYSTAL-CLEAR THING I DO REMEMBER WAS..."

"... BRUCE WAYNE.

"MY MOTHER AND FATHER DEAD. MY AUNT AND COUSIN DEAD. MY UNCLE ALIVE BUT PARALYZED FOR THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

"THE ONLY LIVING FAMILY MEMBER I HAD... WAS UNABLE TO TAKE CARE OF ME.

"BRUCE WAYNE CAME TO MY RESCUE AND LET ME BECOME PART OF HIS FAMILY.

"BRUCE WENT THROUGH THE SAME TRAUMA IN HIS LIFE. I GUESS HE SAW IN ME WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM.

"WE WORKED TOGETHER. WE TRAINED TOGETHER.

"TOGETHER WE FOUND ZUCCO AND BROUGHT HIM TO JUSTICE.

"... AND ROBIN WAS BORN!"

"ROBIN!

"ROBIN!"

ROBIN, DID YOU HEAR WHAT HE SAID?

MOUNT JUSTICE
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DID YOU *HEAR* WHAT SUPERBOY SAID?

HUNH? WHAT?

HE JUST SAID HE WANTS TO TAKE DOWN *SUPERMAN!**

*SEE LAST ISSUE. - ED.

ARE YOU SERIOUS? SUPERBOY?

...IT'S HOW I FEEL... SOMETIMES.

WHAT IF THAT'S WHY I WAS CREATED?

WHAT IF THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON I WAS CREATED?

THAT'S *NOT* POSSIBLE!

YEAH! LOOK AT ALL THE *GOOD* STUFF YOU'VE DONE SO FAR!

WHAT WOULD BE THE POSSIBLE REASONING BEHIND THIS THINKING?

I JUST FEEL... I DON'T KNOW WHAT I FEEL.

SOMETIMES... *THOUGHTS* HAPPEN.

THOSE WOULD BE SILLY THOUGHTS! YOU SHOULD PUT THEM OUT OF YOUR HEAD.

IN MY WORLD, *ACTIONS* SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS. SUPERBOY HAS PROVEN HIS INTENTIONS WITH ACTIONS.

HE DOES HAVE A VALID POINT. WE REALLY DON'T KNOW *ANYTHING* ABOUT WHAT THEY DID TO HIM YET.

THANKS... EVERYONE.

WE *KNOW* HE'S ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS AND WE KNOW HE'S PART OF THIS TEAM!

YEAH! YOU PUT THOSE THOUGHTS OUTTA YOUR HEAD, SUPEY! !

HERE. HAVE ANOTHER S'MORE.

HEY, WHAT'S WITH YOU? NOT LIKE YOU TO ZONE OUT LIKE THAT.

I GUESS SUPERBOY ISN'T THE ONLY ONE LOST IN THOUGHT TONIGHT.

HEY! YOU HAVEN'T TOLD US ABOUT YOUR STORY. WHAT'S THE DEALIO WITH YOU, M'GANN?

YEAH.

OH... OKAY. SINCE ALL OF YOU TOLD YOUR STORIES...

I GUESS... WELL, I'M FROM MARS.

UGN! HELLO, MEGAN!

...YOU GUYS ALREADY KNOW THAT!

"ALL MARTIANS LIVE IN UNDERGROUND TUNNELS BECAUSE THE SURFACE IS UNINHABITABLE."

"OUR FAMILY LIVES ARE VERY INTERTWINED.

AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, WE MOSTLY COMMUNICATE TELEPATHICALLY.

"THE FORM OF COMMUNICATION WE USE HELPS LARGE MARTIAN FAMILIES MAINTAIN A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND STAY CLOSER."

"LARGE? HOW MANY ARE IN YOUR FAMILY?"

"MARTIAN FAMILIES ARE USUALLY QUITE LARGE. I HAVE TWELVE SISTERS AND SEVENTEEN BROTHERS! IN MY EXTENDED FAMILY I HAVE OVER THREE HUNDRED COUSINS."

THREE HUNDRED?

YES.

ARE THEY ALL *HOT* GIRLS LIKE YOU?

DUDE! *THREE HUNDRED GIRLS* THAT LOOK LIKE HER?

THAT'S A PLANET I WANT TO VISIT!

WOW. YOU ARE A CLASS ACT.

"WELL, HALF OF MY COUSINS ARE MALES, BUT YES, MOST MARTIANS LOOK VERY SIMILAR... MOSTLY GREEN LIKE MYSELF AND UNCLE J'ONN. BUT THERE ARE OTHERS WITH... DIFFERENCES.

"THERE ARE ALSO MARTIANS THAT ARE RED AND WHITE.

"SOME ON MY PLANET DO NOT SEE THE WHITES AS EQUALS.

MY PARENTS WERE *BOTH* GREEN AND I WAS RAISED IN WHAT YOU WOULD CALL A "LIBERAL" TYPE OF ENVIRONMENT.

MY FAMILY...*I*... HAD NO ISSUE WITH WHITE MARTIANS.

"OTHERS WERE NOT AS TOLERANT...

"AND THE TREATMENT OF THE WHITE MARTIANS WAS ESPECIALLY HORRIBLE."

HOW DID YOU HAPPEN TO COME TO EARTH?

OF ALL THE BROTHERS, SISTERS, PARENTS, AUNTS AND UNCLES, THE FAMILY MEMBER I WAS CLOSEST TO WAS UNCLE J'ONN.

WE HAD A *GREAT* RELATIONSHIP!

"WE WOULD WATCH HIS EXPLOITS ON EARTH WITH THE REST OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

"HE GREW TO BE A TRUE BEACON OF HOPE AND STOOD FOR WHAT OUR SOCIETY COULD ACHIEVE.

"HE BECAME THE MOST FAMOUS MARTIAN IN OUR HISTORY! UPON HIS RETURN TO MARS IT WAS DECLARED A DAY OF PLANETWIDE CELEBRATION.

"WHEN HE CAME BACK IT WAS NOT JUST FOR THE ADULATION OF OUR POPULATION. HE ALSO HAD A SPECIFIC PURPOSE IN MIND.

"HAVING LEARNED ABOUT ALL OF YOU--ROBIN, AQUALAD, KID FLASH AND SPEEDY--J'ONN DECIDED NOW WAS THE TIME TO INTRODUCE A YOUNGER MARTIAN HERO TO EARTH.

J'ONN J'ONZZ CAME TO MARS AND DECLARED HE WOULD HOLD A COMPETITION TO FIND THE NEXT MARTIAN CHAMPION THAT WOULD BE RETURNING WITH HIM TO FLY AMONG THE HEROES OF EARTH!"

I DECIDED I WOULD ENTER THE CONTEST, AS DID WHAT SEEMED LIKE HALF THE MARTIAN POPULATION.

I, HOWEVER, WAS COMING TO EARTH.

"THE COMPETITION WAS FIERCE... AND DANGEROUS.

"IT WAS EXCITING AND CONSUMED OR TOUCHED THE LIVES OF EVERY SINGLE MARTIAN ON THE PLANET.

"AT FIRST, UNCLE J'ONN SEEMED AS IF HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO COMPETE.

"I THOUGHT MAYBE IT WAS THAT HE DID NOT WANT ME COMING TO EARTH. I HAD SEEN SOME OF HIS ADVENTURES, AND THEY WERE LIFE-THREATENING AND DANGEROUS.

"BUT I WAS NOT GOING TO LET THAT STOP ME. I WAS DETERMINED TO WIN! FROM EVERYTHING I HAD SEEN AND HEARD OF EARTH UP UNTIL THAT POINT, I FOUND THAT I... LOVED IT.

"I WANTED TO COME SEE IT FOR MYSELF.

"I WOULD NOT BE BESTED!

"I WON! THE WHOLE COMPETITION!

MY HEART SOARED!

I WAS COMING TO *EARTH!* THIS WAS THE MOST EXCITING TIME OF MY LIFE!

NOW I AM HERE WITH *ALL* OF YOU, AND I AM PART OF THE *TEAM!* I TRULY LOVE IT!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU'RE HERE WITH US AS WELL, M'GANN.

YOU COULD SAY *THAT* AGAIN!

WELL, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU GUYS, BUT I THINK I'VE HAD ONE S'MORE *TOO* MANY. I'M GOING TO HIT THE OLD SLEEPING BAG.

YES! THIS HAS BEEN SUCH A WONDERFUL EVENING BUT I AM *EXCITED* TO SLEEP IN A TENT.

I'M *RIGHT* BEHIND YOU.

YEAH, BUT YOU'RE SLEEPING IN *THIS* TENT RIGHT OVER HERE.

HEY, NEXT TIME, YOU THINK WE SHOULD GO CAMPING FOR REAL, LIKE AT A *REAL CAMPING* PLACE INSTEAD OF JUST IN OUR OWN BACKYARD?

YOU DON'T STRIKE ME AS THE OUTDOORSY TYPE. TONIGHT WE'RE SLEEPING ABOUT FIVE FEET FROM THE CAVE ENTRANCE, MAYBE NEXT TIME WE CAN TRY DOWN THE HILL A BIT.

THAT WAS A FUN EVENING, BUT I THINK I WILL BE TURNING IN AS WELL... UNLESS YOU WOULD LIKE SOME COMPANY, SUPERBOY.

NO, THAT'S OKAY. I'LL TURN IN SOON ...I JUST WANT TO SIT HERE WITH THE FIRE A BIT LONGER.

WELL, IF YOU NEED *ANYTHING*, YOU KNOW WE ARE *ALL* HERE FOR YOU.

"NO! WHAT ARE YOU *DOING?*"

SUPERMAN! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

STOP!

WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU --ERK!

SKREEEEERASSSH

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THI--

STOP!!

KWOOOSH!

BIG

BLOW

THOOOM

ERUNNISH

HE... HE *KILLED* SUPERMAN! HE *SAVED* US!

SIR, HE CRACKED *ANOTHER* CONTAINMENT POD.

INCREDIBLE!!

LET'S KEEP HIM UNDER AND GET A NEW CONTAINMENT POD IN HERE!

YES, SIR.

HE *IS* UNDER, *RIGHT?* I MEAN... HE'S *NOT* GOING TO WAKE UP OR ANYTHING, IS HE?

NO, HE'S OUT, HE CAN'T HEAR YOU.

WHAT THE G-GNOMES MAKE HIM SEE MUST BE PRETTY REAL TO HIM.

THESE ARE MY THOUGHTS.

THIS IS WHAT THEY PUT IN MY BRAIN. I REMEMBER...

THIS IS WHY I WAS CREATED.

END?